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SUBJECT: ECLA MEETING ON WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

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HAVE CONSULTED PUERTO RICAN COMMONWEALTH OFFICE HERE,
DR. ANTONIO DESILVA, UNDER SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF PUERTO
RICO, NOW IN WASHINGTON. COMMONWEALTH OFFICE HAS CON-
SULTED PR OFFICIALS AT FORTALEZA BY TELEPHONE. SUGGEST
COMMENTS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

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1. WE HAVE LOOKED INTO MATTER RAISED BY CUBAN DELEGATION.

FIND THAT A STUDY WITH SAME TITLE EXISTS. NOT A POLICY STATEMENT OF U.S. OR GOVERNMENT OF COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO. IS A REPORT PREPARED BY WORKSHOP ON PROBLEMS OF EMPLOYMENT IN PUERTO RICO- CONTAINS SEVERAL PAGES OF DISCUSSION RELATION RAPID POPULATION GROWTH TO PROBLEMS OF EMPLOYMENT. MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING AVAILABILITY OF FP THAT BEAR LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO STATEMENTS OF CUBAN DELEGATION. DOES NOT RPT NOT PROPOSE THAT MASS STERILIZATION BE GIVEN PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WITHOUT REGARD TO PROTECTION OF HEALTH OR MENTAL STABILITY OF WOMEN. DOES URGE ALL MEANS FP EXCEPT ABORTION BE MADE READILY AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTARY

USE AND FREE CHOICE OF METHODS BY INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED. DESCRIBES AIM AS MAKING PEOPLE AWARE OF ALTERNATIVES AND OF EFFECTS AND RISKS OF EACH. RECOMMENDS APPOINTMENT FP COMMISSION TO INCLUDE MANY AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT TO COLLECT STATISTICS, MAKE STUDIES, AND PREPARE PERIODIC EVALUATIONS. REPORT NOT YET ACTED UPON BY GOVERNMENT OF COMMONWEALTH OF PR.

2. CUBAN DELEGATION CORRECT ABOUT ONE-THIRD NUMBER IN REPRODUCTIVE AGES HAVE HAD STERILIZATION. THIS IS MEANS BIRTH CONTROL HIGHLY POPULAR IN PR. STUDY SAYS 160,363 WOMEN OUT OF 485,948 OF REPRODUCTIVE AGES OUTSIDE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN HAVE HAD VOLUNTARY STERILIZATIONS. WE ARE INFORMED BY DR. ANTONIO DESILVA, UNDER SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF PR, THAT 70 OF THESE ARE WOMEN OF UPPER AND MIDDLE INCOME LEVELS WHO HAVE PAID PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS FOR OPERATION. REMAINING 30 HAVE RECEIVED FREE SERVICES WHICH ARE PROVIDED ONLY ON REQUEST OF WOMAN. DR. DESILVA INFORMS US PATIENT TO QUALIFY MUST MAKE WRITTEN REQUEST SUPPORTED BY REQUEST OF HUSBAND AND WITH A DECLARATION HAS HAD FOUR OR MORE CHILDREN AND PRODUCTION BIRTH CERTIFICATES. EACH WOMAN RECEIVES COUNSELLING ON MEANING OF OPERATION AND MEDICAL EXAMINATION APPROPRIATE FOR SURGICAL PATIENT. REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BOARD FIVE MEDICAL DOCTORS TO DECIDE WHETHER SHE WILL BE PERMITTED OPERATION.

3. FP SERVICES BEING PROVIDED 60,000 WOMEN IN SAN JUAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND 75,000 ELSEWHERE IN PR BY DEPT. HEALTH AND PRIVATE ASSOCIACION PRO BIENESTAR FAMILIAR. SOME 250,000 OTHERS NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVING FP SERVICES. KISSINGER

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